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ROBERT MOSS DISAPPEARS

Former Restaurant Keeper "Fades Away" With \$1100 in His Inside Pocket

Robt. Moss, who sold out his restaurant here a couple of weeks ago, has disappeared, and all efforts to locate him have been futile. He went from here to Kirksville, where he expected to locate. Mrs. Moss remained here a few days to pack and ship their goods and after hearing from him, went to Kirksville, only to learn that he had left there the day before. She visited La Plata, Atlanta and Macon, but could find no trace of him. On returning to Laclede she learned that before leaving Moss had drawn all their money from the bank here, about \$800, and all they had in the Kirksville bank, and she says that when he disappeared he must have had at least \$1100. She also claims that this was all her money, being the proceeds from the sale of property she had when she married Moss about five years ago. Notwithstanding the fact that he has disappeared with all her money and left her destitute, she still claims that he has not deserted her, but says the "poor old soul has been knocked in the head and robbed." Mrs. Moss is now at the Anderson house in this city, money having been subscribed among our people to take care of her for the time being. While in Macon the other day Mrs. Moss gave the following interview to a correspondent for the Kansas City Star:

This is a story of a love that burns brightly past the meridian of life. It was told through sobs by an old lady who was asking police aid in search of her husband, who she insisted, was the best man that ever lived.

She said her name was Mrs. Robert Moss and that she lived in in Laclede, Linn county, Mo. Her dress, manner and language denoted a woman of gentle breeding, who was suffering more from heartache than from loss of her money.

"I don't want you to say one word against my husband," she remarked, when introduced to a correspondent of The Star. "He was always good and kind to me, and I never heard an angry word pass his lips. I fear he is ill and needs me, and if I only knew where he was nothing could keep me from him."

"He was 74 years old and I am 59. We had both been married before, but I think when he and I met it was a case of real love—I am certain it was. No young lover could have treated his girl bride with greater affection. I had a little home in Laclede and Mr. Moss was in the restaurant business there. He decided he could do better in Kirksville and I sold my home and put the money in the bank—about \$800. Before he left he drew this money out."

"I received a letter from him the 25th, stating he had arrived at Kirksville and for me to come and join him. I eagerly packed my trunk and set out to meet him. But he wasn't there. A gentleman told me had gone to La Plata and I went to that town, but he hadn't been there. I went to Kirksville and there found he had drawn his balance from the bank. I was without so much as a penny, and next week I have to go to work in a hotel at Laclede to earn my board."

The old lady bowed her gray head and sobbed silently. Those

around expressed sympathy over her desertion.

"He has not deserted me," she said, raising her head, "he will be back when he comes to his senses, I know he will. Why, I almost worship the ground he walked on."

All respected her devotion and friends assisted her with funds to reach home. Moss is about five feet six inches tall, Mrs. Moss says, "wears a gray mustache, is bow legged and is always smoking." She says if he will only come back he may keep half her money. It is said he has connections in Sarah, Ok.

"I have tracers out after him," said Mrs. Moss, "but I believe your paper will do more. Be sure to tell him that if he comes back he will be gladly forgiven—I don't care about the money."

Forker Items

Miss Genevieve Facto was a Laclede visitor Thursday.

A. L. McCabe made a business trip to Laclede Wednesday.

Miss Sallie Piggott spent Sunday with Mrs. E. K. Welsh.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr and son were Brookfield visitors Monday.

Miss Della Read spent Sunday with Misses Florence and Genevieve Facto.

O. I. Fay left for Kansas Tuesday. He expects to be gone about a week.

E. W. Pease was in the Prairie Mound neighborhood on business Tuesday.

Messrs. Baker and Beauchamp, of Brookfield, were Forker visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Medley, of Laclede, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Daniels, this week.

The Mesdames Pease spent Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Pennoyer west of Laclede.

Mrs. C. F. Stuttsman who has been ill for several months past is gradually growing weaker.

Missess Fannie Brady and Nannie Frakes spent Wednesday afternoon with Miss Florence Facto.

Mrs. C. A. Read and daughters, Edna and Nettie, spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. F. L. Humphres.

Rev. Scarborough visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McCabe from Saturday until Monday.

The general merchandise store of C. E. Young & Co. was burned to the ground last Wednesday night. The loss on the stock was partially covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Fair Meeting, Saturday, August 10.

The annual meeting of the Jefferson township agricultural society will be held in Laclede on Saturday, August 10, at 3 p. m. to elect officers and transact any other business that may come up. Every citizen of the township is a member of the society and all are urged to attend and take part in this meeting.

H. C. LOMAX, President,
MAY JONES, Secretary.

Card of Thanks

We extend to our neighbors and friends heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the kind assistance rendered us during our late sad bereavement. May God's choicest blessings rest upon you and yours is our earnest prayer.

MRS. HEATH AND FAMILY.

John Stoneburner, who has been living on By Lamme's farm north of town, removed to Brookfield this week.

LOCAL DOINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Pungent Paragraphs Picked up by Our Perambulating Pencil Pusher.

The Meadville chautauqua opens one week from today. The program, made up of strong and attractive features, is printed in THE BLADE.

It will pay any young person seeking a normal, business, telegraphy, or music education to write to Allen Moore, Chillicothe, Mo., for catalog and particulars.

A special train will be run from Tina and Milan to Brookfield on Thursday, August 29, to accommodate those desiring to attend the big day of the Brookfield fair.

J. G. Clinefelter, our good friend out on route one, evidently doesn't believe in allowing the democrats to have a monopoly on new votes, a fine eleven pound boy being born at his home yesterday morning.

A new supply of handsome flower post cards, "Greetings from Laclede" tinselled on them, has been received at THE BLADE post card stand this week. Over two thousand new comics have also been added.

The Standard Bearers will hold a home baking sale at the store of R. T. Dye this afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. There will be on sale home made bread, pies, cakes, etc., the proceeds being for benefit of church work.

W. R. Adams has resigned as teacher of the Smith school in the northeast part of the county and has accepted the principalship of the public schools at Arcadia, Mo., being there and closing the contract the first of the week. Arcadia is in Iron county southwest of St. Louis.

Don't forget the fair meeting to be held in Laclede this afternoon. This is going to be a good year for an agricultural fair, and Jefferson township should make a special effort to bring together the choice products of this county. Let's start off with a big attendance at the initial meeting and encourage the officers there to be chosen.

Linneus had two big days last week. Thursday was the old settler's reunion and Friday the annual log rolling of the Modern Woodmen. The weather was fine, the attendance large and the entertainment all that could be expected. All who attended from here are loud in the praise of the splendid hospitality of the good people of Linneus.

E. B. Allen arrived from St. Louis Thursday and expects to start work of improving his business block next week. The north part of the old hotel building will be turned to face the east and a new galvanized iron front put in and remodeled for a store building. The main building will be moved to the west side of the lots to make room for a new building on the corner which will probably not be built until next spring. The old buildings will be repaired, painted and put in good condition. An eight foot granitoid walk will be built along the south side of the property and a seven foot granitoid along the east side. Geo. Plowman will build the walk and begin just as soon as the buildings are out of the way. These substantial improvements will add much to the appearance of that part of town and at which all will rejoice.

Some Evening Reveries.

Did you ever realize that nothing on earth can smile but a human being. Gems may flash reflected light, but what is a diamond flash? A face that cannot smile is like a bud that cannot blossom, and dies upon the stalk. Laughter is day and sobriety is night, and a smile is the twilight that hovers gently between both, and more bewitching than either.

One drop of ink will blacken a whole glassful of pure water. So will one evil communication make the whole world foul. Beware of those evil words. You might drop many, many drops of pure water into the tumbler, but it would have no perceptible influence. So it will take thousands of good precepts and good instructions to root out this one evil word.

Don't harp on past troubles. When we see a pale nervous woman in the midst of her friends preferring to entertain them with a list of the racking pains she has suffered to a saunter in God's free air and sunshine, we cannot wonder that the rose returns not to the blanched cheek. Why is it that to some these memories are very meat and drink? They consume them, the bitter agony is acted over and over again, the tears thrice shed, the place cherished where such a dreadful thing occurred, the scar fondly petted that tells of the almost fatal knife.

Profanity never did any man the least good. No man is the richer, the happier or the wiser for it. It commends no one to any society. It is disgusting to the refined; abominable to the good; insulting to those with whom we associate; degrading to the mind; unprofitable, needless and injurious in society. Young man, don't be profane.

Lost wealth may be restored by industry; the wreck of health regained by temperance; forgotten knowledge restored by study; alienated friendship smoothed into forgetfulness; even forfeited reputation recovered by penitence; but whoever again looked upon his vanished hours, recalled his slighted years, stamped them with wisdom, or effaced from heaven's record the fearful blot of wasted time?

Fall Millinery

Mrs. Effie Osgood has returned from a week's visit to the millinery market of Kansas City. Mrs. Osgood has prepared herself to take care of her trade better than ever. Fall goods will be coming in in a few days. Miss Josephine Boles will soon take charge of the trimming department. The same efficient work will be sent out as in former seasons. Higher recommendations are furnished with this young lady than any they have yet been able to obtain, owing to this firm's increase in business. Anything that anybody wishes to know of the coming season's styles, they are now prepared to tell you. A great change from last fall's styles. Call and see for yourself.

The Burlington Sued

The prosecuting attorney of Worth county, has filed suit against the Burlington railroad for failure to run Sunday trains over the Grant City branch, as provided by act of the legislature.

If the towns along the K. C. line north and south of Laclede want Sunday mail the people should prod their prosecuting attorneys.

PRINCIPALLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Local Items of a Personal Nature Briefly Expressed for Your Hasty Perusal

Attend the fair meeting Saturday afternoon.

V. E. Harter spent Wednesday in Kansas City.

Ira Gardner is on a visit to Baxter Springs, Kansas.

John Peer left Tuesday for a trip through Colorado.

J. A. Shoup, of Meadville, was here on business Tuesday.

J. H. Skulley left last Saturday for a trip through Kansas.

F. M. Connor made a business trip to Sedalia the past week.

R. T. Dye has been at West Plains on business the past week.

F. R. Power and A. J. Baum were in Browning Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Eunice Thompson visited at Chillicothe and Meadville last week.

S. F. Thompson was in Mendon Wednesday looking after a real estate deal.

R. C. Whitley came down from Farrigut, Iowa, and spent Sunday at home here.

Miss Maud Ditmars of Salt Lake City, is visiting Mrs. L. T. Monnett for a few days.

Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards leaves today to visit her son, Ira, and family, at Aurora, Ill.

Miss Elizabeth Moore, of Turney, was the guest of Mrs. C. C. Bigger the past week.

Mrs. C. C. Haight came home Monday from a week's visit with relatives in Kansas City.

Mrs. O. G. Watson and little daughter, of Centerville, Iowa, are visiting Mrs. J. C. Hunt this week.

J. E. Welsh has put in a substantial granitoid walk through the front yard of his residence property.

Attorney B. E. Bigger was over from Hannibal the first of the week spending a few days with home folk.

Mrs. Sarah Mize has been visiting the family of Wm. Mize and other relatives in Laclede the past week.

Mrs. J. W. Tooker and her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Pennoyer, left Friday to visit relatives in the Indian Territory.

Baptist social in park Saturday afternoon and night, August 10. Brookfield ice cream will be served, and all are invited.

Mrs. Nettie Ricket, of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Miss Nora Tracy, of Shelby, are guests of Mrs. H. Eccles and family, this week.

T. Allen Warfield, of the Anderson house, attended the tri-state negro industrial exposition and fair at St. Joseph this week.

R. A. David has made further improvements on his residence property by putting down a granitoid walk along the south side.

Mrs. E. P. Harvey returned to her home in Brookfield Tuesday after a week's visit with friends here, guest of Mrs. A. G. Groes.

Mrs. A. J. Harter and two daughters, Misses Julia and Katie, left Tuesday to visit relatives at Great Bend and El Dorado, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lomax, of Chariton county, drove up last Saturday evening and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Wilkins at their home north of town.